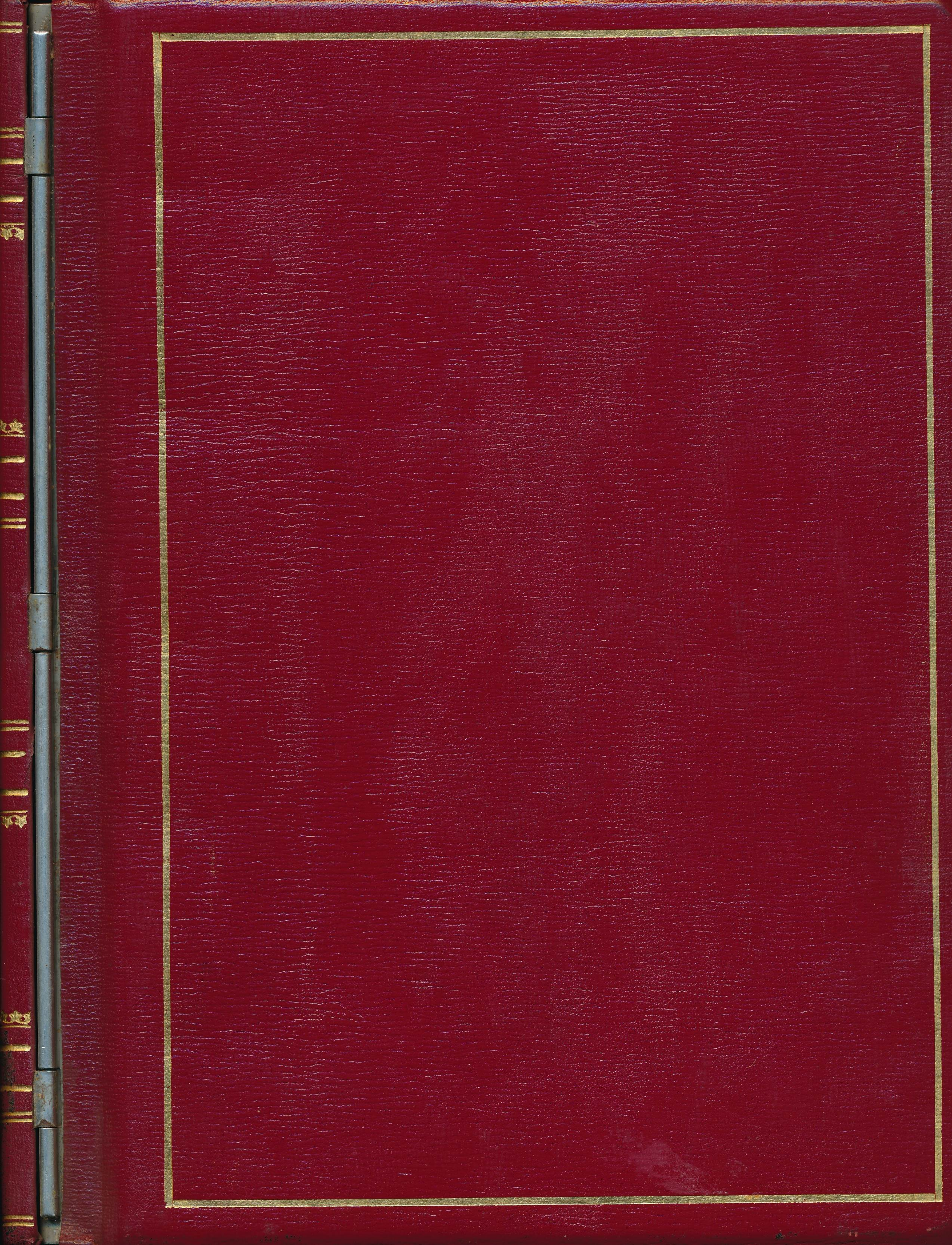

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THE DURABILT F. O. MINUTE BOOK

(FLEXIBLE POSTS) SHORT PULL ROD STYLE

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ABOVE PATENT NUMBERS MUST NOT BE COVERED

TO UNLOCK the book, raise cover to be unlocked to a vertical position, and pull rod out as far as it will come.

TO LOCK—Adjust the cover back into position so the notches in the cover fit over the posts, then push in rod.
Do not attempt to unlock either cover unless opposite cover is locked, as posts should always be held in one of the covers.

TO LOCK BOOK PERMANENTLY—This is only to be done when all the sheets are written up and placed in the binder, for once permanently locked, it is impossible to unlock or open it.

For this purpose two permanent locking buttons are furnished. Insert these sealing buttons into the round holes near end of locking case so that the slot in the Sealing Button runs lengthwise with the binder. Then drive in button with sufficient force to turn the ends of split button. This permanently locks and seals the book.

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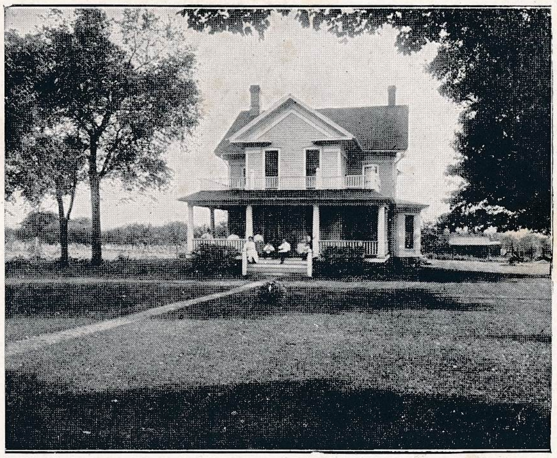

COMSTOCK MANOR

3314 East Michigan Avenue Comstock

This residence was originally built by General Horace H. Comstock in 1832-3 and later remodelled. James Fenimore Cooper, uncle of Mrs. Comstock and a noted American novelist, visited in this home at least three different times between 1840 and 1850 when he was gathering material for his story, "Oak Openings," which he wrote at his home town of Cooperstown, New York, in January, 1848. This property was purchased by Charles H. Barnes in 1900 and became his home.

W. J. Lawrence

WILLIAM J LAWRENCE

1891 - 1941

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William J. Lawrence was born in Shelburne, Nova Scotia, January 2, 1891, son of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lawrence. His father was a sea captain as well as both his grandfather and his great grandfather.

Mr. Lawrence's mother was of Arcadian-French descent. She possessed all the graciousness and courage as well as modesty that are characteristic of these people.

These sterling qualities of courage, poise, calmness and courtesy, as well as his untiring effort to be of service to all those with whom he came in contact, all were part of the personality of his mother.

Mr. Lawrence's father died when he was twelve years old. A great deal of his commanding personality was doubtless inherited from his father.

After the death of Mr. Lawrence's father the family moved to Providence, Rhode Island, where Mr. Lawrence attended school and helped to support the family.

Death came to Mr. Lawrence Thursday, November 27, 1941.

Gustave Riedel

GUSTAVE RIEDEL

1867 - 1940

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Gustave Riedel was born in Posen, Germany, February 10, 1867, son of Frederick and Johanna Howe Riedel. His brothers and sisters were: Mrs. Mary Laube, deceased; Mrs. Helen Botchers, deceased; Mrs. Anna Riedel, Mrs. Herman Koegel and Ferdinand, all residing in Chicago, Illinois; Charles of Kalamazoo and Edmund, deceased.

Gustave Riedel's father was a school teacher in Germany and assisted his sons and daughters with their education and Gustave completed the eighth grade at the age of fourteen and was then apprenticed to learn brush making.

As time went by young Mr. Riedel made trips occasionally about Europe buying hog bristles. Later he traveled more extensively and brought back with him bristles which he prepared or "dressed" for use.

On October 23, 1940, Gustave Riedel closed his very fruitful activities on this earth to begin his appointed tasks elsewhere under the guidance and good pleasure of the Master whom he loved and served.

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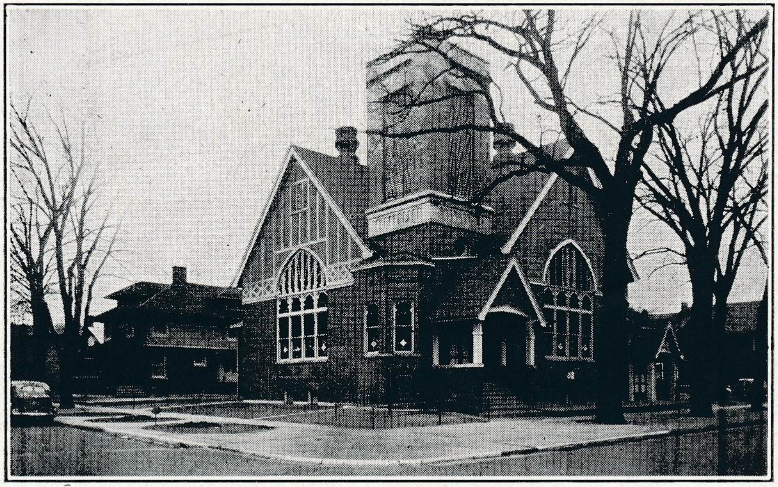

Third Christian Reformed Church

CORNER PARK and WALNUT STREETS
KALAMAZOO - - MICHIGAN

Pastor, REV. JOHN MASSELINK, Th.D.

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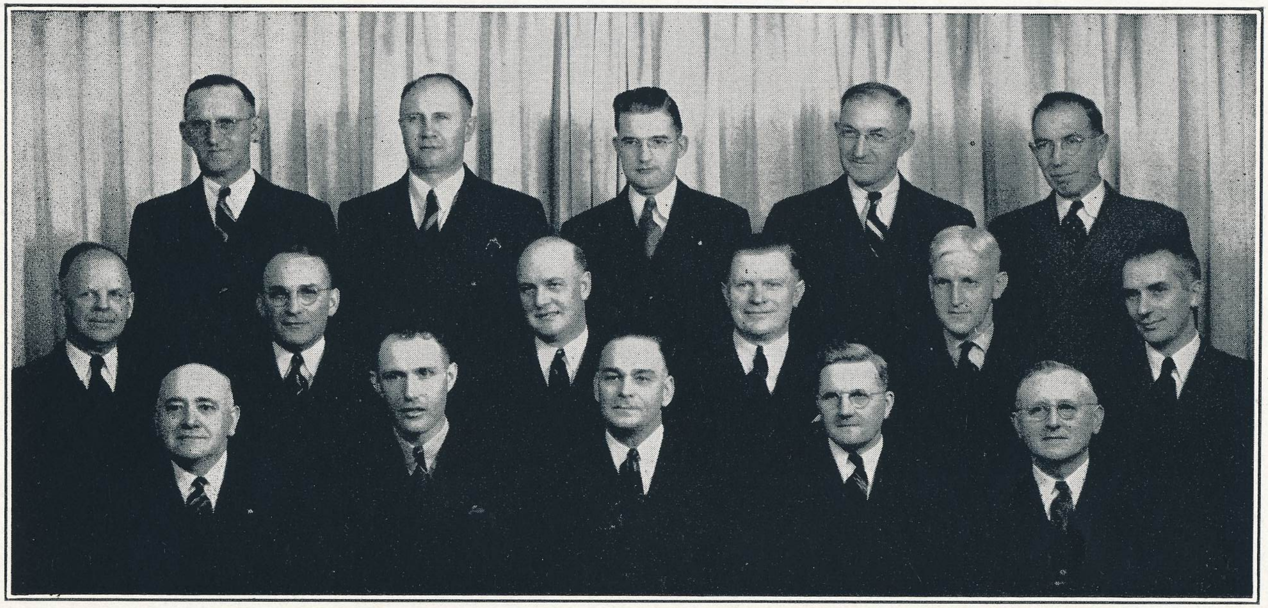

Back Row — Meyer, Vander May, Op'tholt, Stahl, Riepma.
Middle Row — Kooi, Triestram, Nykamp, Bosker, Marcusse, Streich.
Front Row — Poelstra, Westra, Dr. Masselink, Molhoek, Vredevoogd.

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ELDERS

Peter J. Bosker
Daniel S. Kooi
Neal Marcusse
Leonard Molhoek
Sam Poelstra
Albert Riepma
Matthew Triestram
Henry Vredevoogd

DEACONS

Albert Meyer
John Nykamp
Henry Op't Holt
George Stahl
Harold Streich
William Vander May
Orrin Westra

Officers of the Consistory

President	Dr. John Masselink
Vice-President	Albert Riepma
Clerk	Matthew Triestram
Assistant Clerk	Sam Poelstra
Treasurer	George Stahl
Assistant Treasurer	William Vander May

Standing Committees

BUILDING — M. Triestram, P. J. Bosker, N. Marcusse and W. Vander May.

MUSIC — H. Op't Holt, L. Molhoek, W. Vander May and S. Poelstra.

MEMBERSHIP — Pastor and elder in district of affiliating member.

USHERS — J. Nykamp, O. Westra and H. Op't Holt.

BULLETIN AND PULPIT — Pastor and Clerk.

FLOWERS — L. Molhoek and D. S. Kooi.

MISSIONS — A. Riepma and Rev. H. C. Bode.

LIBRARY — S. Poelstra, O. Westra and L. Molhoek.

SOCIETIES AND PROGRAMS — H. Vredevoogd, A. Meyer and D. S. Kooi.

FINANCE — G. Stahl, W. Vander May, M. Triestram and H. Streich.

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The movement which resulted in the organization and establishment of the Third Christian Reformed Church of Kalamazoo began in the early spring of 1906.

Some of the older members were conscious that our young people were desirous of an English speaking Congregation, and consequently were leaving our Denomination to affiliate with other churches.

Accordingly, plans were laid and steps taken to organize an English speaking Congregation of the Christian Reformed Church, in our City.

Several members of the First Church were interviewed, and the movement began to grow, to the encouragement of the sponsors.

After about a year of preliminary work, a request was made to Classis Grand Rapids West for organization.

Classis appointed a committee for investigation, who brought in a favorable report, and a committee was appointed to perfect the organization. The evening of March 8, 1907, the committee, consisting of Rev. H. Beets, Rev. J. Timmerman, and Elder H. J. Grit, met with those who desired to join the new Congregation.

Rev. H. Beets presided and preached the sermon, which was based on Exodus 14-15, which reads, "Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go Forward."

At the close of the meeting, the committee completed our organization and the following became members:

Mr. and Mrs. R. Schuur and Family
Mr. and Mrs. M. Brink and Family
Mrs. John Glas and Family
Miss Anna Vredeveld
Miss Johanna Smith
Mr. and Mrs. W. Hoek
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Myard and Family
Mr. and Mrs. M. Ruster and Family
Mr. A. Boers
Garret and Nellie De Jong
Mrs. A. TenBusschen and Family
Mrs. L. Hoekstra
Miss Jennie Hoekstra
Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Vanden Berg and Family
Mr. and Mrs. H. Wessies and Family
Mr. C. Kreling and Family
Mrs. J. Wierenga and Family
Cornelius Bahlman
Louis Bahlman
Henry Bahlman
Thomas Bahlman
Sena Riepma
Jennie Kuilema
Mr. and Mrs. C. Nap and Family
Mr. and Mrs. O. Dykhouse and Family
Mr. Zaard Klimp and Family
Mr. and Mrs. H. Scholten and Family
Nellie De Smith
Mr. Peter DeBoer and Family
Mrs. William Vander Broek and Family
Mr. and Mrs. John Wagner and Family
Mrs. H. Zuidema and Family

Four young people made Public Confession of Faith at this time.

At this meeting the first consistory was elected and consisted of Mr. W. Hoek, Mr. H. Weesies and Mr. C. J. Vanden Berg as elders; Mr. R. Schuur, Mr. George Myard and Mr. M. Ruster as deacons.

With faith and enthusiasm the small flock gathered at the Hall on the corner of Portage and Main Streets, for their first regular worship. Joy and gladness filled our hearts, peace and harmony prevailed, and it seemed as if we were experiencing the same united Christian Fellowship as the first Apostolic Church, when love predominated.

In spite of the fact, that we were small in numbers, yet in faith the congregation decided to at once proceed to procure a suitable location, and proceed to build a church where we could worship. After some deliberation as to site, our present location was decided upon, and we at once proceeded to build according to plans which had been drawn up and donated by friends of our cause.

Plans were soon made to call a Pastor of our own, and on the 6th of June, 1907, a call was extended to Rev. M. J. Bosma, then Pastor of the Broadway Christian Reformed Church, at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Great was our rejoicing when, after careful deliberation, Rev. Bosma informed us that he would come over and help us. Plans were immediately made so that the parsonage might be in readiness, and on August 9th, 1907, our first beloved Pastor was installed by Rev. H. Beets. A happy day for our congregation. On January 1, 1908, we dedicated our newly built church in the presence of a large audience.

Gradually the congregation grew in numbers, many realizing the need of an English speaking church, affiliated with us, and the labors of our pastor were signally blessed. After three and one-half years of fruitful labor, Rev. Bosma was stricken with illness, which necessitated a change of climate, and the Congregation gladly gave the Pastor a six months' leave of absence, praying and hoping the change would be beneficial, and that he might return to us in good health, to again resume his labors among us. However, God's ways were different than our ways, and Rev. Bosma, realizing that he would be unable to again shepherd us, sent us his resignation on May 20th, 1911.

After four unsuccessful attempts, Rev. J. C. Schaap was called and duly installed as our pastor on December 24, 1911.

The congregation had a steady growth during his ministry and we enjoyed his labors among us.

We were, however, not to possess our Pastor long, as Rev. Schaap's ministry was of short duration, and he accepted a call from Allendale, Michigan, leaving us in July, 1913.

Rev. D. R. Drukker became our next Pastor being installed on June 16, 1914. During his ministry among us, we enjoyed continued growth, not only in numbers, but also spiritually. Peace and harmony continued to prevail, and the labors of our Pastor were blessed. During Rev. Drukker's pastorate, the nation was plunged into the World War. Many of our young men, including the Pastor's son, and one daughter of the congregation, enlisted in the service of our country, and many prayers arose from our pulpit for their safety and the speedy ending of this great conflict. After four and one-half years of faithful ministry, during which time our new parsonage was built, Rev. Drukker bade us farewell on November 17, 1918, and again we were shepherdless.

After seven unsuccessful attempts to secure a Pastor, our eighth call was accepted by Rev. J. P. Battema and he was duly installed during February, 1920. A remarkable growth was experienced at this time, in fact we were unable to accommodate the audience, and a gallery was put in the church and a general remodeling of our basement took place in order to make room for Sunday School Classes and Societies. Our new organ was installed during this time. Many of our young people assumed their covenant obligations, many from the outside were brought in, and it was very evident that the Spirit was working in our midst. After five and one-half years of labor among us. Rev. Battema accepted the call to Wyoming Park.

After a vacancy of one and one-half years, Rev. John Masselink heeded our call and was duly installed on July 7, 1927, and has ministered to this flock faithfully and diligently until the present. During our present Pastor's stay among us, a large overflowing audience greets him at each appearance. Even though a large portion of three newly organized churches have gone out from us, we nevertheless can hardly seat our audience.

Peace and harmony prevail and a general interest is shown in Kingdom work. Many have been added to the church by confession and also a steady influx from other congregations. We may well say at this time, "Ebenezer, Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and as Father Jacob has said, so may we well say looking back thirty-five years, "Alone did we start the movement, and lo, now have become as two armies."

May Third Kalamazoo ever continue to be faithful to her calling, may the gospel in all its purity ever be proclaimed from the pulpit, may it constantly be professed and practised by its members, and may the coming generations carry on the work begun by its founders.

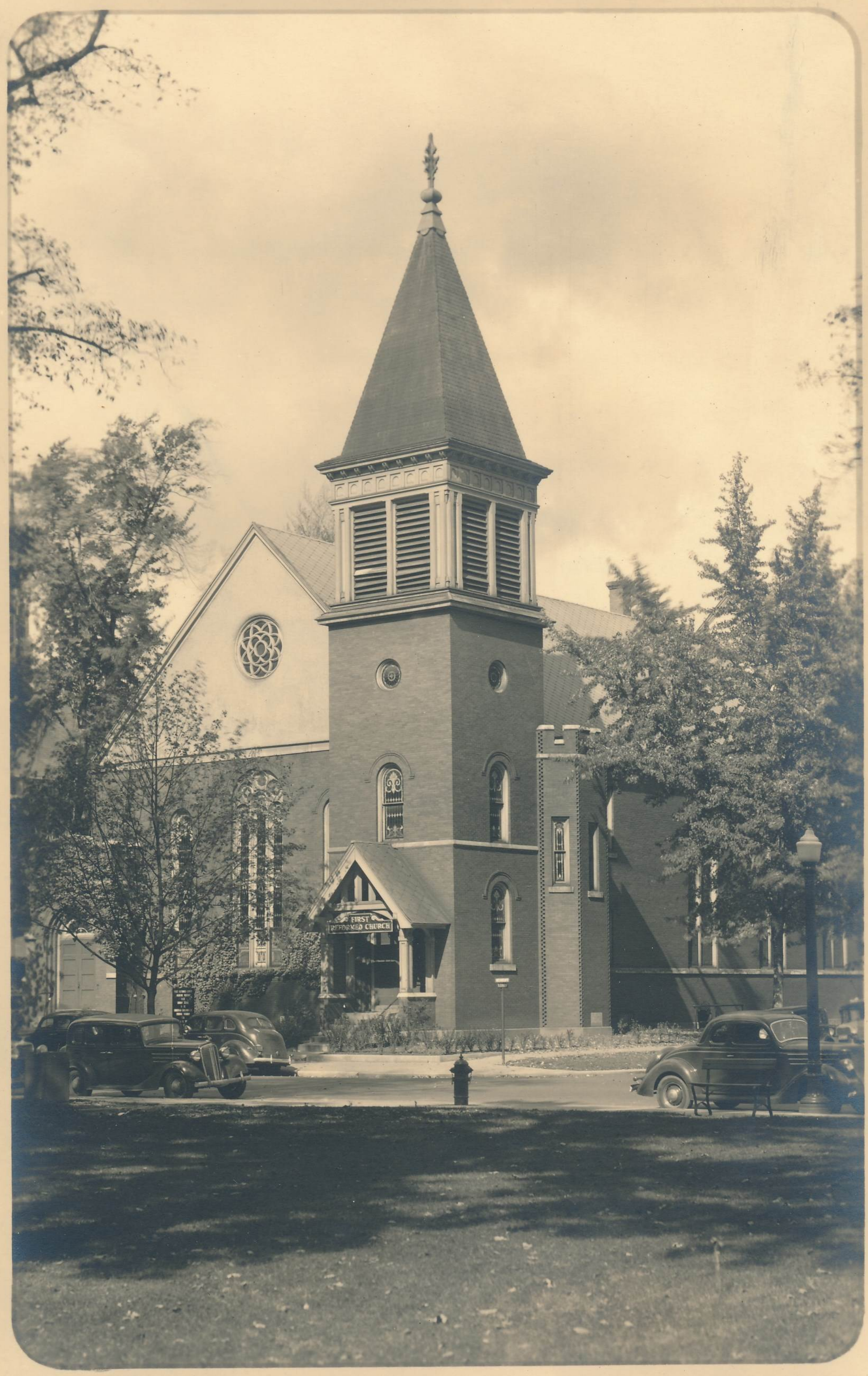
Our hope is that it may be a beacon light for years to come.

Church Organized March 8, 1907

Consistory of 1907
Pastor, M. J. BOSMA

ELDERS —	DEACONS —
Mr. W. Hoek	Mr. M. Ruster
Mr. H. Weesies	Mr. Geo. Myard
Mr. C. J. Vandenberg	Mr. R. Schuur

First Reformed Church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The First Reformed Church of Kalamazoo was organized in the year of our Lord 1850. The first church building was located on South street between the Library and Post Office. These grounds were disposed of to one of the organizations and afterwards sold to the Government for Post Office use.

The First Methodist Episcopal Church granted the privilege to build upon the site where the church building now stands, at the corner of Academy and Church streets. This ground was originally given by Titus Bronson for church purposes.

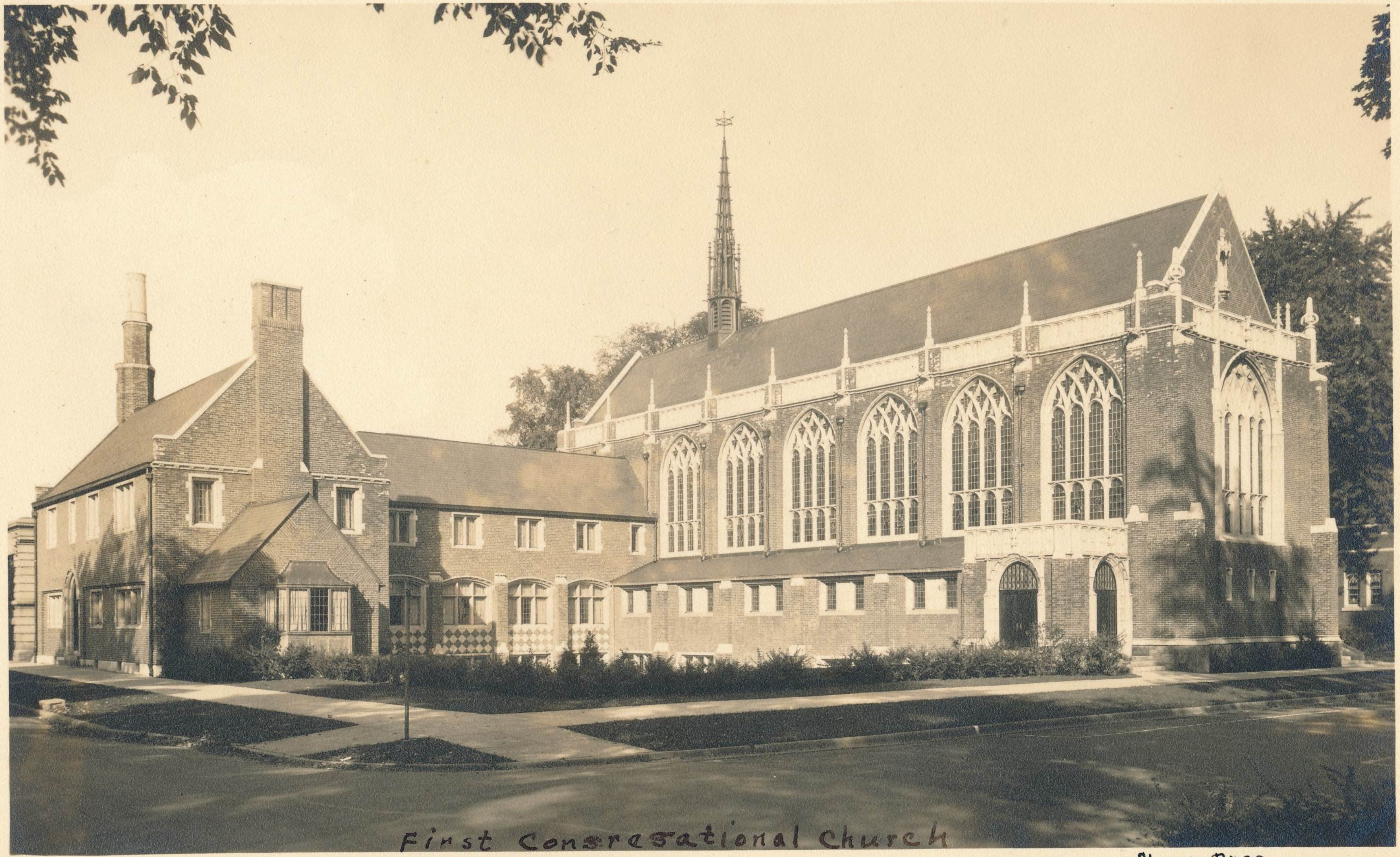
The present building was erected at this location in the year 1870 and was remodeled and brick veneered in 1910.

The first Sunday School was organized in the year 1857 and was conducted in both the Holland and English language.

In 1924 there were 420 members in full communion, 225 baptized members and an enrollment in the Sunday School of 495.

The following is the list of pastors who have served this church:

Rev. William Gardenier	1854 -1857
Rev. H. P. Klien	1857 -1862
Rev. Jacob v. d. Meulen	1864 -1868
Rev. A. Krickaard	1868 -1876
Rev. J. W. TeWinkel	1876 -1882
Rev. N. H. Dosker	1883 -1887
Rev. M. Kolyn	1888 -1893
Rev. E. W. Stapelkamp	1894 -1901
Rev. William Pool	1902 -1911
Rev. J. Steunenberg	1912 -1918
Rev. J. J. Hollebrands	1918 -1927
Rev. Abraham DeYoung	1928 -



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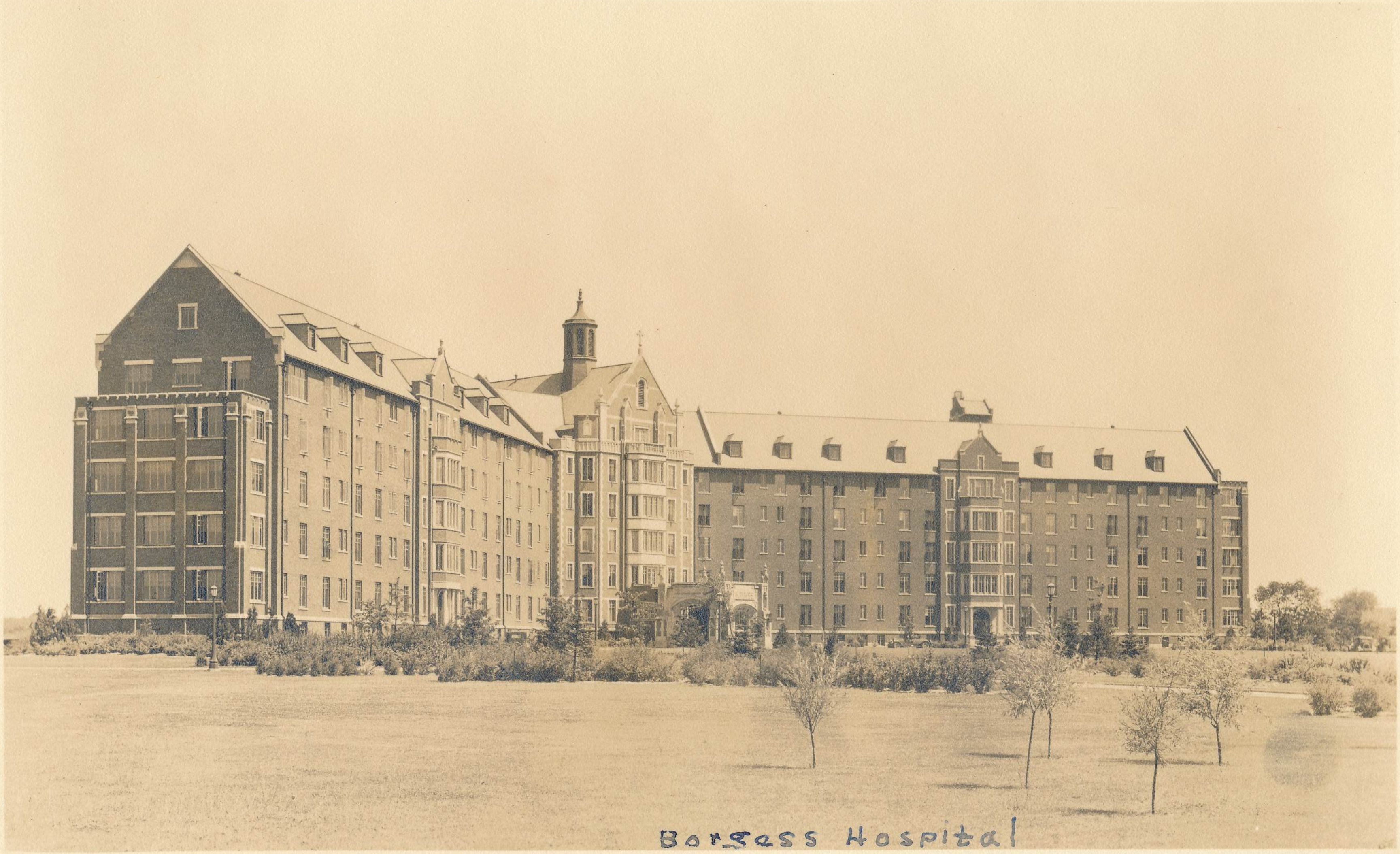

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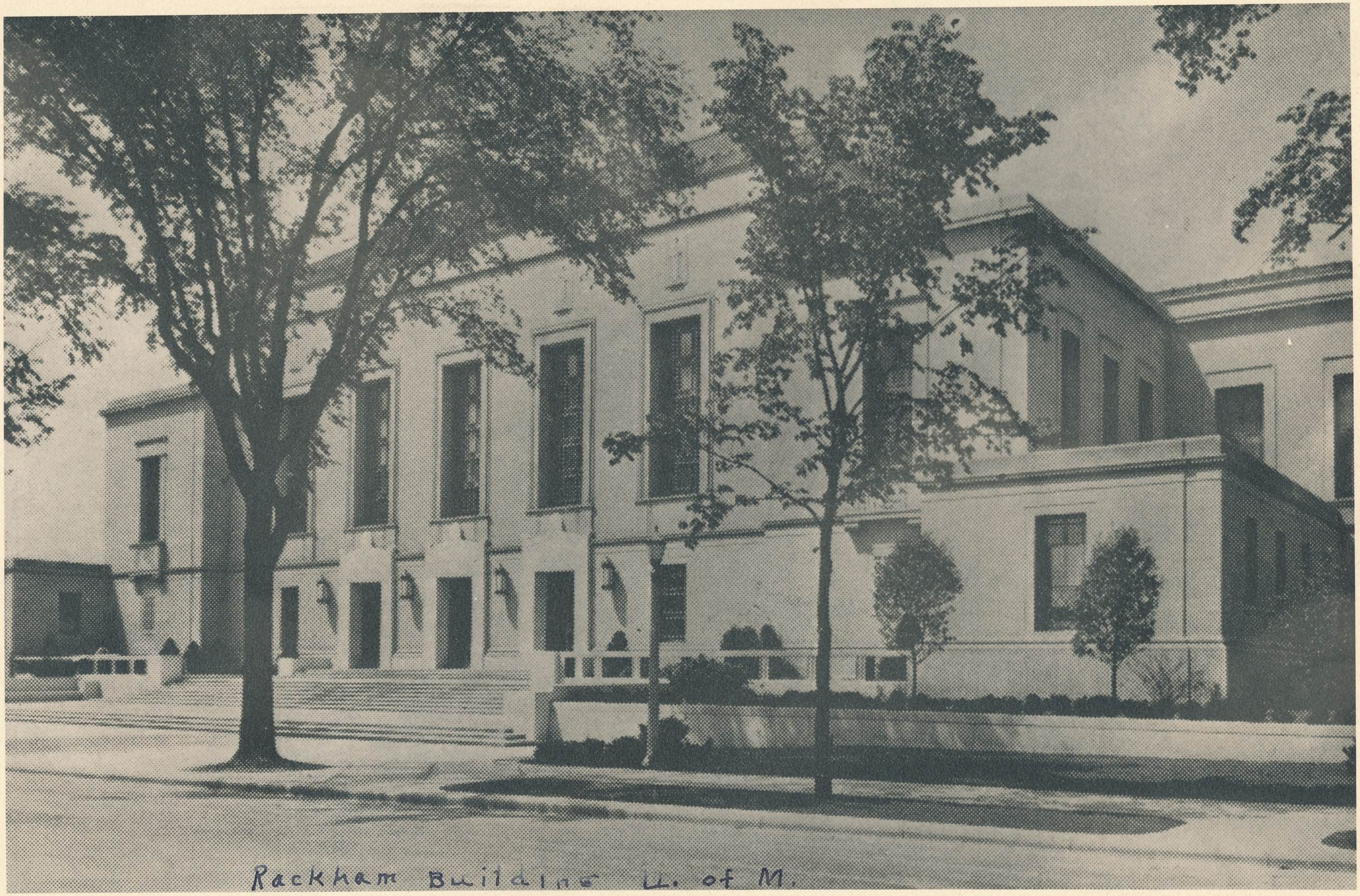
Rackham Building
University of Michigan



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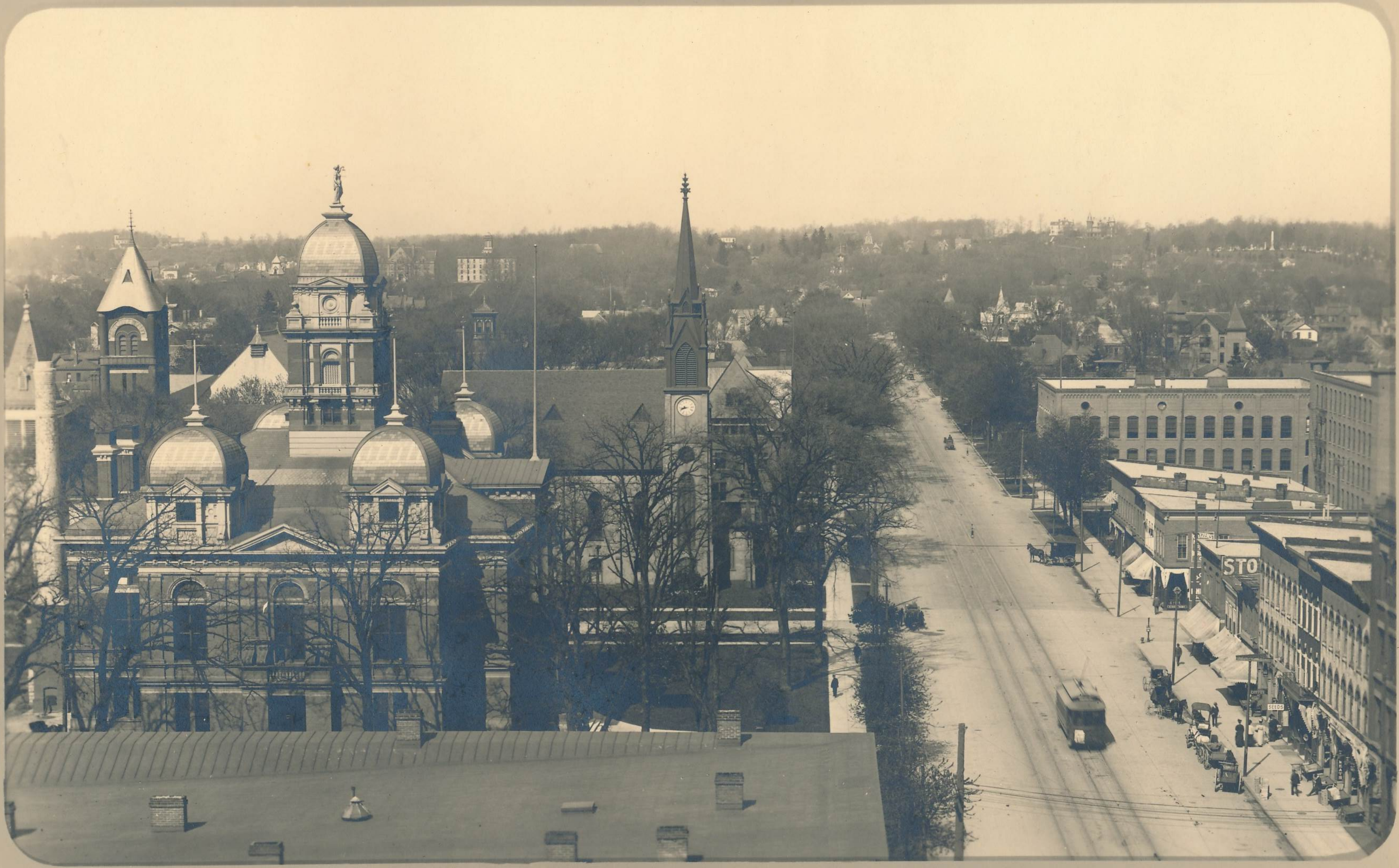

Court House n West. Michigan Ave. Kalamazoo

West Michigan Ave.

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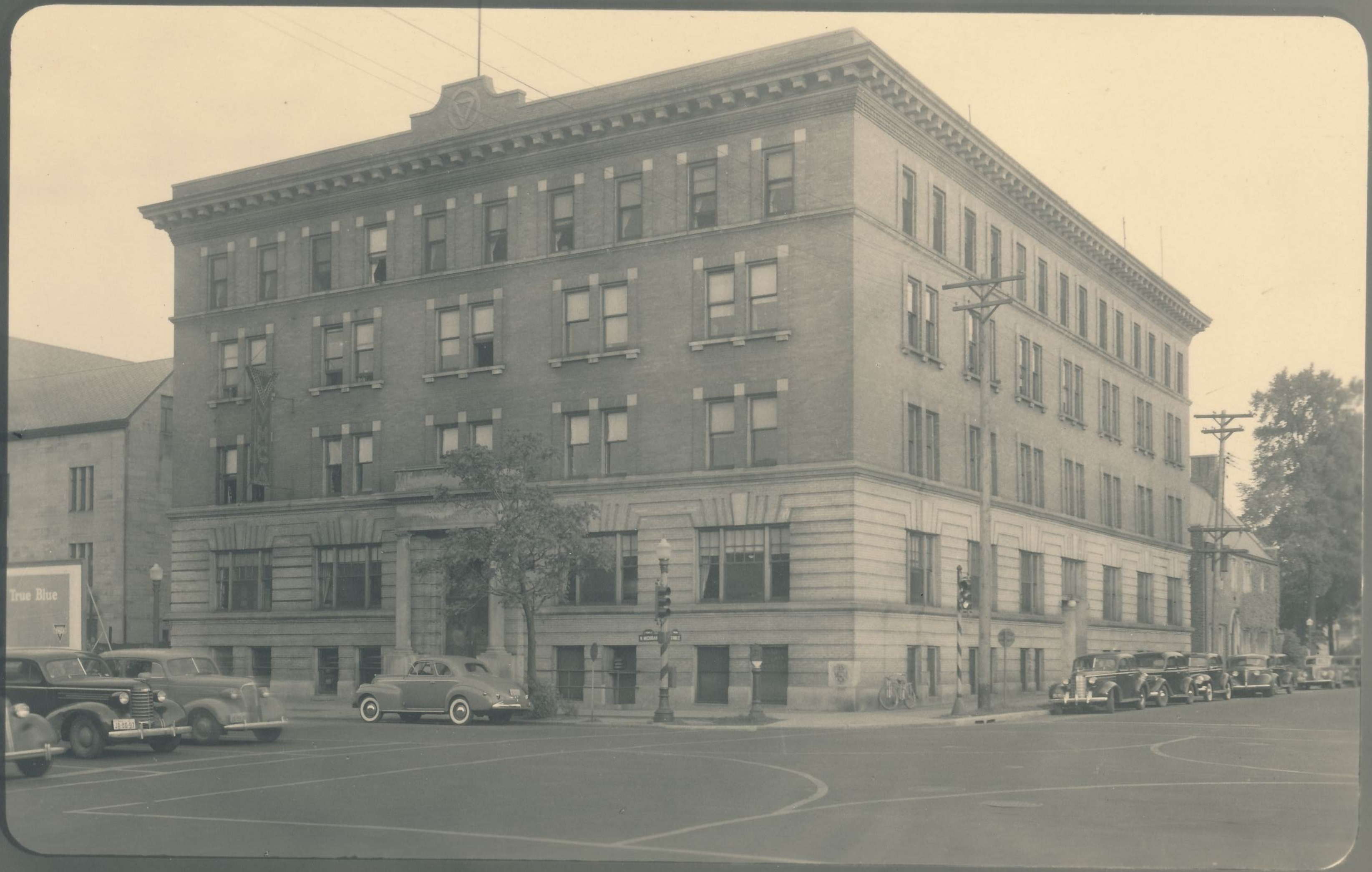

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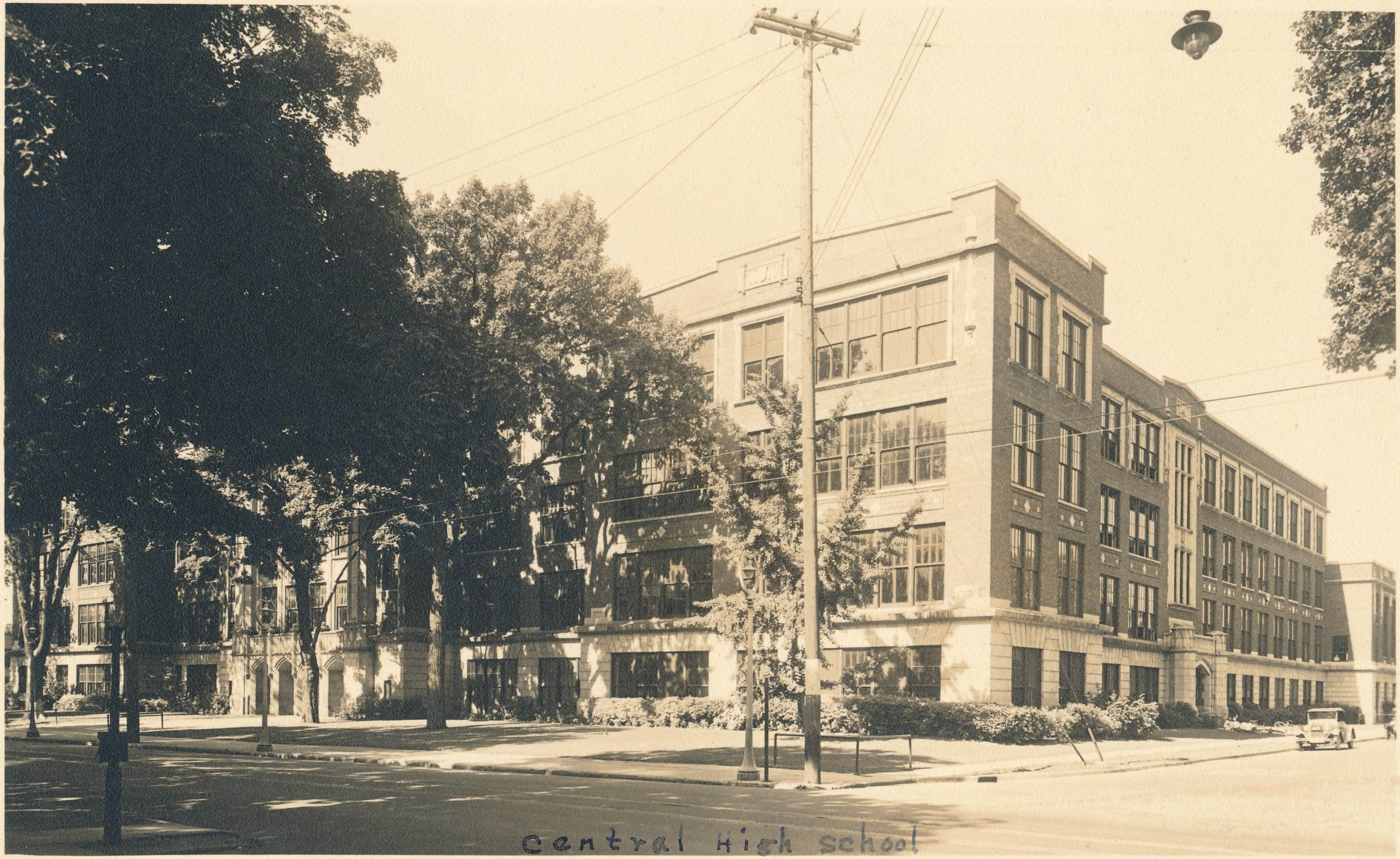

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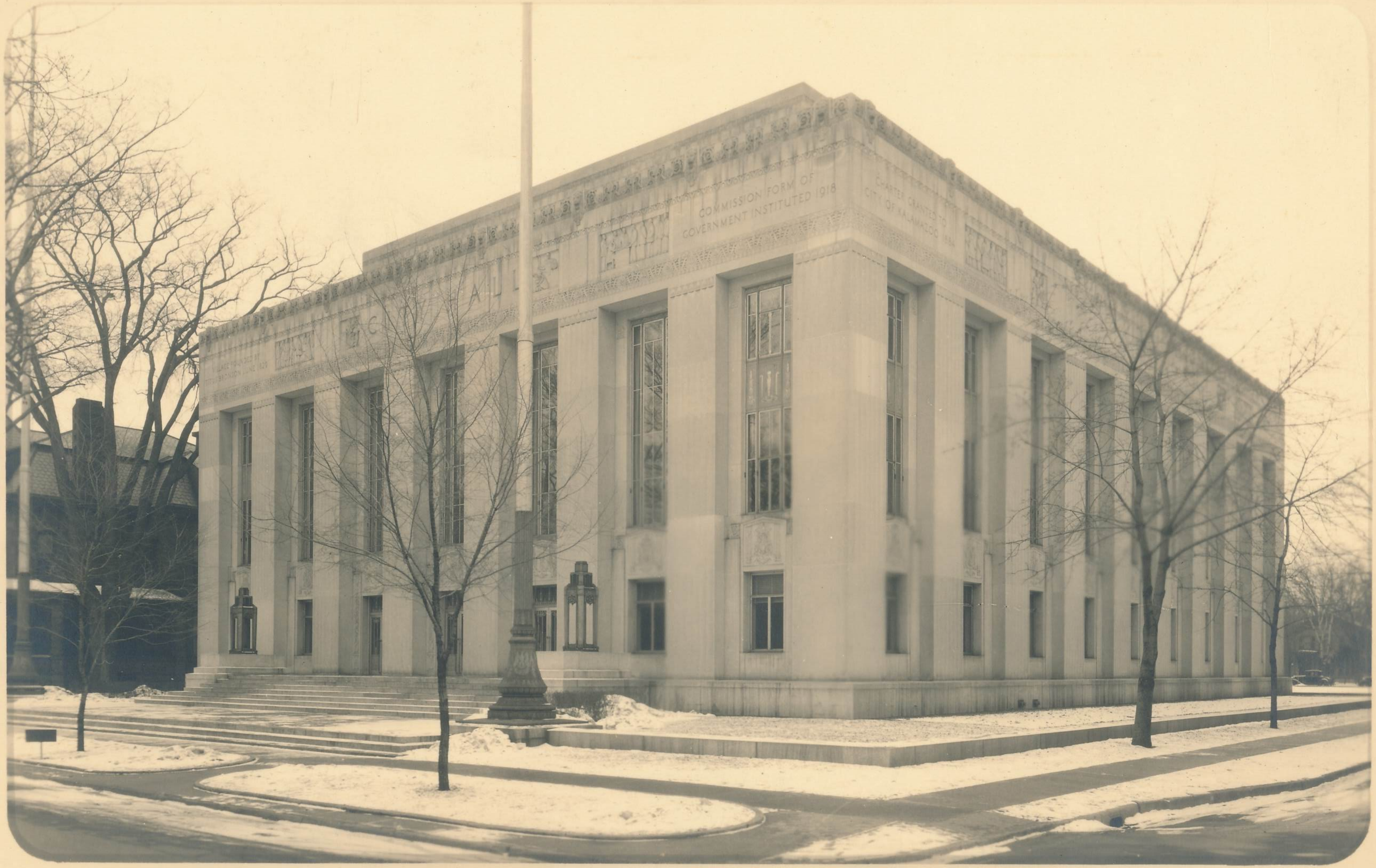
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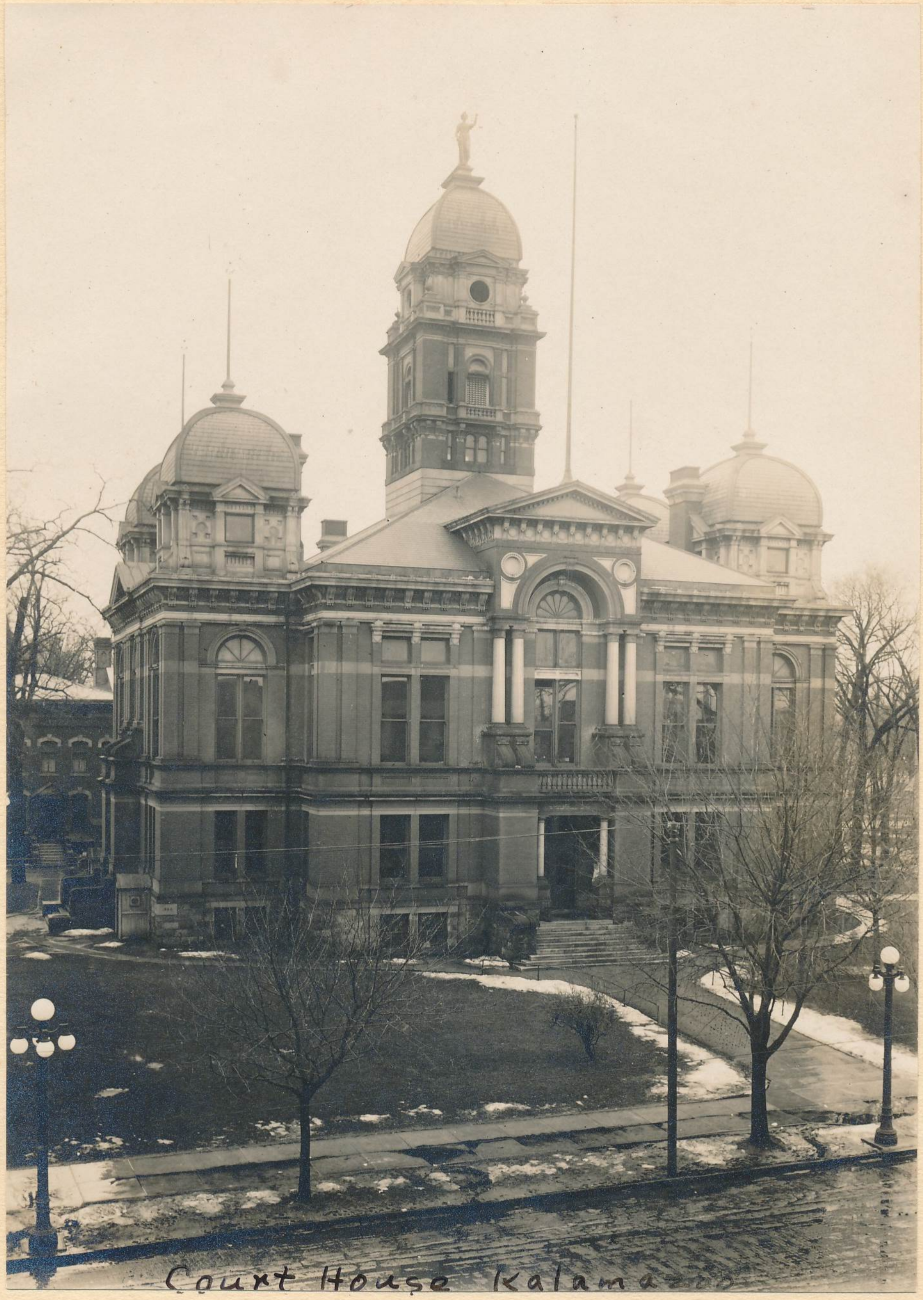
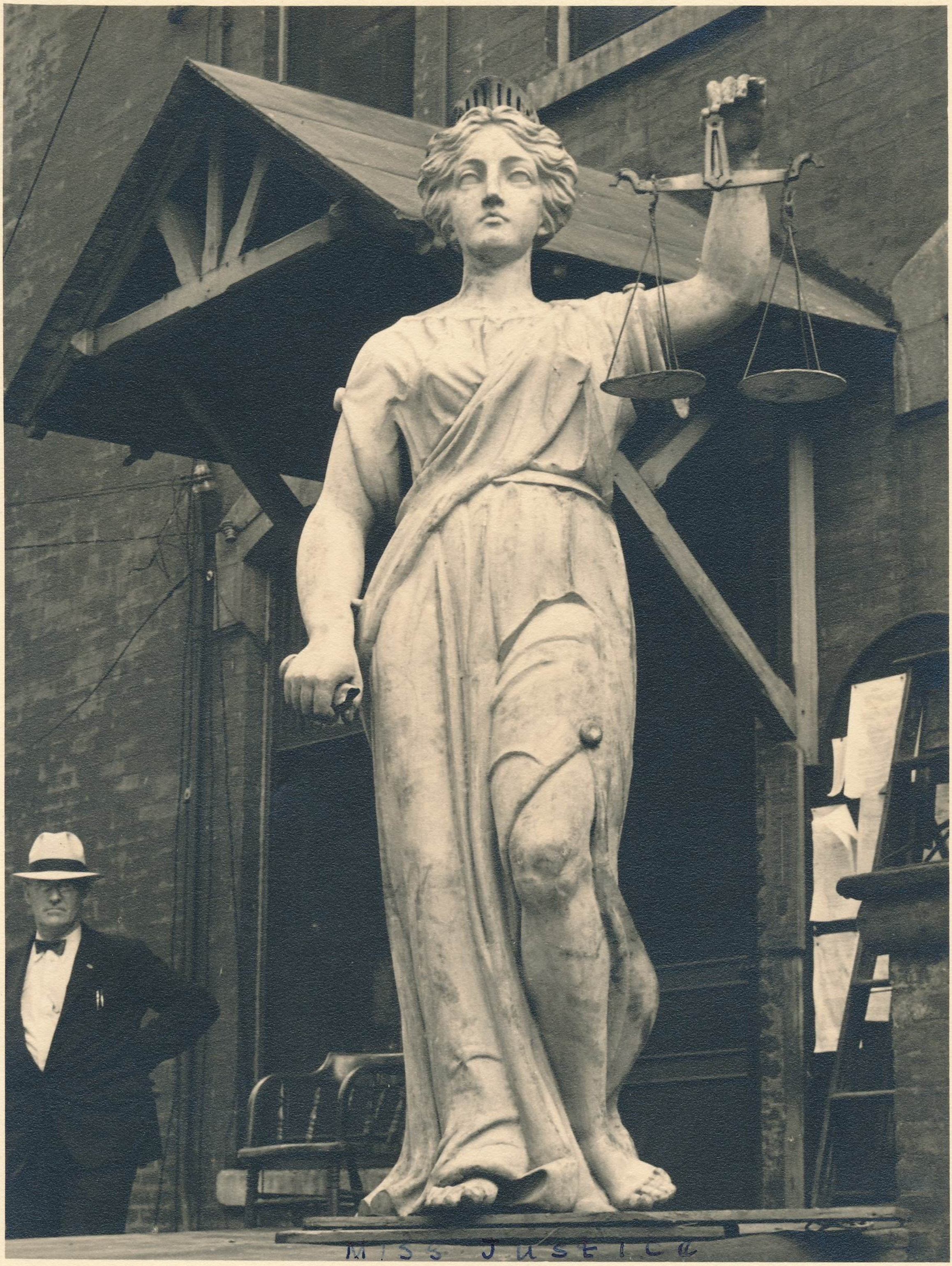
New City Hall Kalamazoo



Court House Kalamazoo

Old Court House



MISS JUSEICA

(Ed Lyons')
(lower left)

Miss Justice

Shaftsbury Saty Morning 10 oCLK
December 16, 1809

My dear love

I am this Moment returned from Blanford with Mr. Bowles, - and received your dear letter written the 12th, - I meet your anxiety and Affection my dear with similar Feelings. I must remain much longer from you. These Periods of Absence serve to Testify how much, very much my Heart secretly goes out after you, and how necessary you are to my Happiness. Thro' Mercy my dearest love I am in good Health, and my Journey altogether has been prosperous. - I will bring you home my Love near 140 Guineas as the result of the present Journey, which I will put into your lap most readily, requiring only your Affection in return. I have just opened a Letter from Cot Wood calling me immediately to London, to settle with Sir Henry P - and arrange some other which he wishes to employ me in. - But all this will not do. - I must see you Tuesday Next, - if the Lord permit. - I cannot think of going to London again before I return to Wales. I have too much value for you my dear Life to hurt your feelings so much as a journey of that kind would produce. - I think I never loved you so much before, and though my great Affection is attended with peculiar Anxiety - so that at Times I feel quite an aching pain in my inside when thinking of you; - yet my dear I would not by any Means change the Anxiety or Pain for any Diminution of Affection. - No my dearest love I would rather love you than enjoy any, or every Gratification in this Life. My Feelings are a continuation of the first Springs of secret Affection for you ever since I was quite a Boy; and I believe my dear you discovered something of it in me even at that Time. - The weather here has not been so bad as you describe. - I have not been at all exposed to danger; and shall scrupulously attend to your affectionate instructions. - James Whitmarsh I expect will go with me to Deveral on Monday next to bring back the Horse, and Tuesday Morning shall go from Warminster to Bristol and afterwards by the Mail Home the same Evening. I expect my dear you will have this Monday Evening. My Time now is much engaged otherwise wo would fill out this Paper. - Let me entreat you my dear love to be composed in your mind about me. I shall be in no danger. How many Times have I already taken the Journey without the smallest Accident.-the

Promise of Protection is still the Same: - and as Parker once told you I am one of the most unlikely of any Men to receive injury through Imprudence or Incaution.- I know my dear all this arises from extreme regard. - I know it. - I feel it; - and love you for it, with an Affection impossible to be described. - I will lay my Hand upon your dear Bosom and discover all my tender feelings and love towards you. Before I close you must positively promise one request, - which is - If I should not come by the Mail Tuesday Evening, you will not be alarmed; but immediately send Tom (if you think proper) to the west Gate in Newport after me with a Horse. - If I cannot have a place in the Coach, I shall try to go over the Passage in the Mail Boat, and then hiring a Horse to Newport, if no return , where I expect to arrive nearly as soon as the Mail. - Let Tom therefore be ready with a Horse by the Time the Mail Passes along by the Orchard: - and if I am not with it, he can set off immediately. - It is fine Moonlight Nights, - and there is not the least danger - The weather now is remarkably fine. - I am now going into Cairn Common and shall not return to dinner before the Evening. - The time my Life cannot pass away too fast before I see you.

I remain my dearest love

Yours with the most tender Affection

(Signed) Wm. Upjohn

William Upjohn was the son of James Upjohn and the father of Uriah Upjohn. James Upjohn was born in 1732, died 1818, Shaftsbury, England. William Upjohn was born June 10, 1770, at Shaftsbury, married Mary Standard, who was born October 27, 1770. They came to America in 1830 and died at Pittsford, New York. William preached at Shaftsbury for thirty years at the same time engaging as a civil engineer. At the time the above letter was written the family was temporarily residing at Rumney, Monmouthshire, South Wales. The outside of the letter was addressed thus:

Mrs. Upjohn

Rumney

near

Cardiff Wales

PEARL CARPENTER NEWTON

1883 - 1936

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Pearl Elsie Carpenter was born near South Haven, Michigan, October 31, 1883, daughter of Mary Jane Sawyer and James Carpenter, of English descent. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. James Carpenter were: Essie, who married Frank Kiely of Chicago; Eva, of South Haven; Eulalia, who married James McBride of Chicago.

Pearl Carpenter was reared in South Haven and attended school there. March 22, 1905, she married Robert D. Newton, who was born in Trowbridge Township, Allegan County, Michigan, February 17, 1881. He was raised on a farm and attended the rural school. At the age of fourteen he came to Kalamazoo and attended the Woodward and Frank Street schools.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Newton made their home in Kalamazoo. Before his marriage Mr. Newton in 1899 entered the employ of the Harrow Spring Company, where he worked part of a year and was taken ill for a time. In 1901 he was employed by the State Hospital for about nine months. He then went to South Haven in 1902 and was employed by the

Dunkley Canning Company. In 1905 Mr. and Mrs. Newton came to Kalamazoo and Mr. Newton found employment with the James Harkins Plumbing Company. Later he went with the Wheeler-Blaney Company, plumbers, for fourteen years, after which he did trucking on his own account for a time, then returned to the employ of the Wheeler-Blaney Company for two years more. Following that he did plumbing for R. R. Brenner for two years. In 1926 Mr. Newton was employed by the Fuller Manufacturing Company and has remained with that company until the present time.

Mr. Newton is a Republican in politics, enjoys reading and is fond of fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton were the parents of two daughters: Esther E., who graduated from the Kalamazoo high school in the class of 1924, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Kalamazoo College in 1929, the degree of Juris Doctor from Northwestern University in 1932, practiced law in Kalamazoo for two years, and in 1934 became Law Librarian in the State Law Library in Lansing, Michigan, and in 1935, became Secretary and Research Assistant to Judge Edward M. Sharp, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of Michigan; Mary K., who graduated from Kalamazoo high school in the class of 1927 and

the St. Camillus School of Nursing in 1930, and resides in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Newton was a member of the Maccabees and was a Methodist in her religious interests. For five years she was with the Vogue and for an equal length of time with Michael J. Leo.

Death came to Mrs. Newton July 13, 1936. The funeral was conducted by the Reverend Henry W. Ellinger, District Superintendent of the Kalamazoo District of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Burial was made in the Chambers cemetery near South Haven, Michigan.

Written August 5, 1936

EDWIN FAXON OSBORN

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Edwin Faxon Osborn was born in the Baptist Parsonage at Climax, Kalamazoo County, Michigan, September 7, 1859. His father was then pastor of the Baptist Church there. Caleb Eldred gave the boy the cradle in which his mother rocked him. Twenty-one years later, he preached his first sermon in his father's old pulpit in Climax.

His father, Rev. David Osborn, was from colonial stock, through both parents. He came, with his young wife, from Tompkins County, New York. His wife died, leaving him four young children; Grover, A. B., Kalamazoo College; Reverend; LL.D.; Who's Who in America; Ella, A. B., Kalamazoo College; married Reverend H. E. Adams; Lillian; Annis, Hillsdale College. His second wife gave him six children: Edwin, A. B., Kalamazoo College; student Newton Theological Institute; graduate Rochester Theological Seminary; Reverend; A. M.; D. D.; Who's Who in America; Milton, Kalamazoo College; Loran, student Kalamazoo College; A. B., University of Michigan; Ph. D.; Reverend; Who's Who in America; Clinton, A. B., University of Michigan; Walter, Minister of the gospel; and Lida.

Edwin's mother was descended, through the Faxon line, on her father's side; and through the Gray line, on her mother's side, from colonial stock.

He was converted when twelve years of age, and held steadfastly to the teaching and spirit of Jesus as the only means of salvation. He was called to the ministry at about this time; and this call has been the dominant note in his life. He united with the Baptist Church at Ada. The family soon moved to Grand Rapids, where he was an active member of the Fountain Street Baptist Church. He was in school there; and supported himself by taking care of a ward school building.

When he was about nineteen years of age, he taught a country school; and saved a little money to go to Kalamazoo College. When he got started he had less than five dollars left. He supported himself, mainly, by acting as student-pastor, one year at Climax, and two years at Galesburg.

In 1884, he married Bertha L. Judson, of Galesburg. He taught school, and was pastor in southern Michigan, until 1889, when he moved back to Kalamazoo, and completed his college course. Soon after this he moved to Newton Center, Massachusetts

to attend the Newton Theological Institute. The following year, he moved to Rochester, New York, where he spent two years in The Rochester Theological Seminary, graduating in 1894.

He then settled as pastor of the First Baptist Church at Watertown, New York. While pastor there, his first book, "Some Essentials of Christian Growth," was completed; and his second book, "The Vanishing of the Prince," was begun, and finished in the following year.

Mr. Osborn then accepted the chair of History and Literature in Ewing College, Illinois. In recognition of work done, the college granted him the Master's Degree. While teaching there, he supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church at McLeansborough, Illinois, and returned to the pastorate, soon accepting a call to the First Baptist Church of Evansville, Indiana. While pastor there, Ewing College conferred upon him the degree of Doctor of Divinity.

But Dr. Osborn felt that, for him, a more important work lay in the field of Bible Evangelism, and of Reform. He now left the Pastorate, and went to Chicago, founding The Evangelical and Biblical Association, under which he and his helpers held

Evangelical Bible Study meetings in various parts of the country. And he has also given his lectures to more than a million young people in the schools and colleges of twenty-seven states.

From Chicago, he moved back to Kalamazoo, where the children whom his wife, also of colonial ancestry, had given him, were mainly educated: Pierre, Kalamazoo College; graduate of Western State Normal College; Lurene, A. B., Kalamazoo College; A. M., University of Michigan; M. Robert S. Tubbs; Harold, Kalamazoo College; enlisted in World War; First Lieutenant; Paul, Kalamazoo College; A. B., University of Michigan; A. M ., University of Michigan; Yale.

Meantime, Dr. Osborn had produced "Onar," "Foundation Stones," and "The Teaching of The Parables".

In 1922, Dr. Osborn moved to Ann Arbor, and reorganized his work under the name, "Life Conservation League". This organization had an Advisory Committee of fifteen noted men, including Luther Burbank, from fifteen states; and a membership of over a thousand people. Dr. Osborn was the president for ten years.

While in Ann Arbor, he brought out his "Words and Deeds of Jesus," which is used as a Supple-

mentary Reader in many public schools of Michigan.

After eight years in Ann Arbor, Dr. Osborn and his wife returned to Kalamazoo, where they have begun the second half century of their married life. This is written in 1936.

MRS. W. E. PRAEGER.

Mrs. W. E. Praeger, wife of the professor emeritus of Kalamazoo College was born August 1, 1863 in Keokuk, Iowa, the daughter of Charles P. and Lucy Kellogg Birge. She attended the public schools of Keokuk and the Prospect Hill School in Greenfield, Massachusetts. On October 2, 1889, she was united in marriage to William E. Praeger. They came to Kalamazoo 30 years ago when Dr. Praeger became affiliated with Kalamazoo College, and since that time Mrs. Praeger has been an outstanding leader in social organizations here.

Mrs. Praeger was for several years president of the Civic League and had been active in the affairs of that agency in recent years. She was a member of several social organizations and was a prominent member of the Lucinda Hinsdale Stone Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. In August, 1935 just a month before her death, she was elected regent of the chapter, succeeding Miss Lucy Little, resigned.

Mrs. Praeger passed away at her home 417 Douglas Avenue, late Tuesday afternoon, September 17, 1935. Surviving, besides the husband, are one son, W. E. Praeger, Jr., Grand Rapids; two daughters, Rosamond, Syracuse, New York, and Mrs. Winifred Smith, St. Paul,

Minnesota; and five grandchildren. Mrs. Praeger was active in the college among the women students and the ladies of the faculty. She was a life long Unitarian

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon, September 20, 1935 at Stetson Chapel, Kalamazoo College. Dr. Charles T. Goodsell, acting president of the College, officiated. Dean H. H. Severn and Reverend Edwin C. Palmer, pastor of the People's church, assisted Dr. Goodsell in the service.

JOHN CHARLES ROSS

1872 - 1941

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John Charles Ross was born in Woodstock, Canada, February 12, 1872, of parents who had come from Scotland. He was educated in the public schools of Woodstock and then took a business course. His father and mother, William and Flora Campbell Ross, were descendants of the well known Argyle family. His maternal grandmother was decorated by Queen Victoria for saving a child from an eagle. When John Charles was a lad of five or six years of age his father died and the boy had to leave school at an early age to assist in supporting the family, consisting of his mother and three brothers, Duncan, Daniel, and Hugh W., and one sister, Elizabeth. At one time Mr. Ross was correspondent for the Toronto Globe.

When Mr. Ross was about twenty-one years old he came to the United States and became a naturalized citizen. At first he clerked in a hardware store in Detroit, Michigan, the store belonging to a cousin, William H. Byrne. After three or four years there he went with the Standard Brothers, a large

wholesale hardware store, at first as a clerk and later as a salesman for many years.

In 1904, Mr. Ross, in partnership with Lewis C. Hamlin, purchased the hardware business in Wauseon, Ohio, which was conducted under the firm name of Ross and Hamlin until 1910, when he came to Kalamazoo as treasurer of the Edwards and Chamberlin Company, dealers in hardware and the outgrowth of a hardware store established in Kalamazoo in 1845. Mr. Ross was also manager of the company.

In 1933, Mr. Ross and Charles N. Drescher bought out the controlling interest in the firm and the business was conducted under the name of the J. Charles Ross Company. In 1938, Mr. Ross retired from the hardware end of the business.

In recent years he had conducted under his own name a business at 348 North Burdick street in Kalamazoo, a business to supply equipment for restaurants, hotels and hospitals.

July 22, 1902, he was married to Esther Evans Davis, daughter of John T., and Margaret Grace Owens Davis. She also had three brothers and one sister: John R., Thomas Lewis, Charles LLewellyn and Margaret Grace. Esther Evans Davis was graduated from the Akeley Hall School under the Episcopal

Church in Grand Haven, Michigan, having taken courses in literature, music and mathematics.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross became the parents of one daughter, Margaret Elinor, who married Frederick Goodrich and became the mother of David Ross, born June 24, 1930, and George Dewitt, born December 25, 1935.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross travelled considerably, visiting Washington, Oregon, Idaho, California, Texas and Canada. In fact, when he was first vice president and then president of the National Retail Hardware Association he made speaking tours in which he visited every state in the Union.

Mr. Ross belonged to the Ancient Order of Foresters, was a member of the Masonic order and of the Rotary club; he was a director of the National Retail Hardware Association at the time of his death which occurred March 27, 1941, in his home at 123 Catherine street in Kalamazoo, Michigan, at 12:30 A. M.

The funeral service was conducted by Mr. Clarence V. Brown, a former reader in the First Church of Christ Scientist, of Kalamazoo, in which church Mr. Ross was at one time the first reader. Burial was in the family lot in the cemetery at Grand Haven.

JERRY ARTHUR VELDMAN

1898 -

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Jerry Arthur Veldman was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 18, 1898, son of John and Mattie Miller Veldman, both of whom were born in the Netherlands and came to this country when they were about sixteen years of age. He died in 1936 and she is still living at the time of this writing in 1942. John Veldman worked in a flour and feed store in Grand Rapids, Michigan, for forty years and was a Sunday school teacher for fifty-five years. When the children were little he would remain at home with the youngest until time for Sunday school and then wheel the baby down the street until he met his wife returning from church and she would wheel the baby back to their home.

The other sons and daughters in the family were:

Henry, who married Gertrude Van Hartesvelt, became the father of Robert and Donald and resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan;

Nina, who married Albert Knooihuizen, deceased, became the mother of John and resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan;

Ermina, who married Henry Avink, became the mother of Ardith and resides in Grand

Rapids, Michigan;

Edwin, who married Bertha Mellema and became the father of Virginia, Marjorie, Stewart and Carol and resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and

Ruth, who married Bertrand Kragg, became the mother of Richard and Paul and resides in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Jerry Veldman attended school in Grand Rapids, and then for five years was employed as a bookkeeper. While attending school he sold newspapers as a means of earning some money.

About 1917, during the first World War, he worked with the Young Men's Christian Association and travelled with the troop trains. Later he enlisted in the Merchant Marine and was discharged December 6, 1918.

In 1919, Mr. Veldman resumed his education by taking two years work in the Preparatory Department of Hope College, Holland, Michigan, after which he spent four years in the College and received his degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1925. He then worked three years as a student in Western Theological Seminary and was given the degree of Master of Theology. Since then he has attended summer schools studying for his Doctor's degree.

While he was in school he worked at various

jobs, among them reporting for Holland and Grand Rapids newspapers. He did this rather than accept the very generous offer of an elder in one of the Reformed churches, a successful business man, who told him that he would provide all the money Mr. Veldman would need to get his education.

June 28, 1928, he was married to Adelaide Jane Borgman of Holland, Michigan, who was born December 2, 1901, daughter of Abraham and Minnie Jonker Borgman, both of whom came to this country when they were young people, having been born in the Netherlands. The marriage ceremony was read by Dr. James Martin, pastor of the Third Reformed Church in Holland, Michigan.

Mrs. Veldman has one brother, Hartger, who is married and the father of Anne Julie. He is an engineer in Norfolk, Virginia.

Mrs. Veldman attended school in Holland, Michigan, was graduated from high school in 1921 and in 1925 received the degree of Bachelor of Arts from Hope College. For three years she was an instructor in the Holland high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Veldman are the parents of: Marilyn Ruth, born [redacted]; and Jerold Paul, born [redacted], Grand Rapids, Michigan,

being the birth-place of both.

Mr. Veldman is about five feet eleven inches tall and weighs about one hundred eighty pounds with dark hair and eyes. He is interested in athletics and especially enjoys swimming and golf.

He was brought up in a devout Christian home but did not make confession of faith and join the old Second Reformed Church in Grand Rapids until he was about seventeen years of age. The pastor of the church at that time was Dr. Henry Hosper, who was a great inspiration to the young man. At about this time Dr. Bob Jones held meetings in a big tabernacle in Grand Rapids and Mr. Veldman was one of the ushers and was deeply impressed by Dr. Jones.

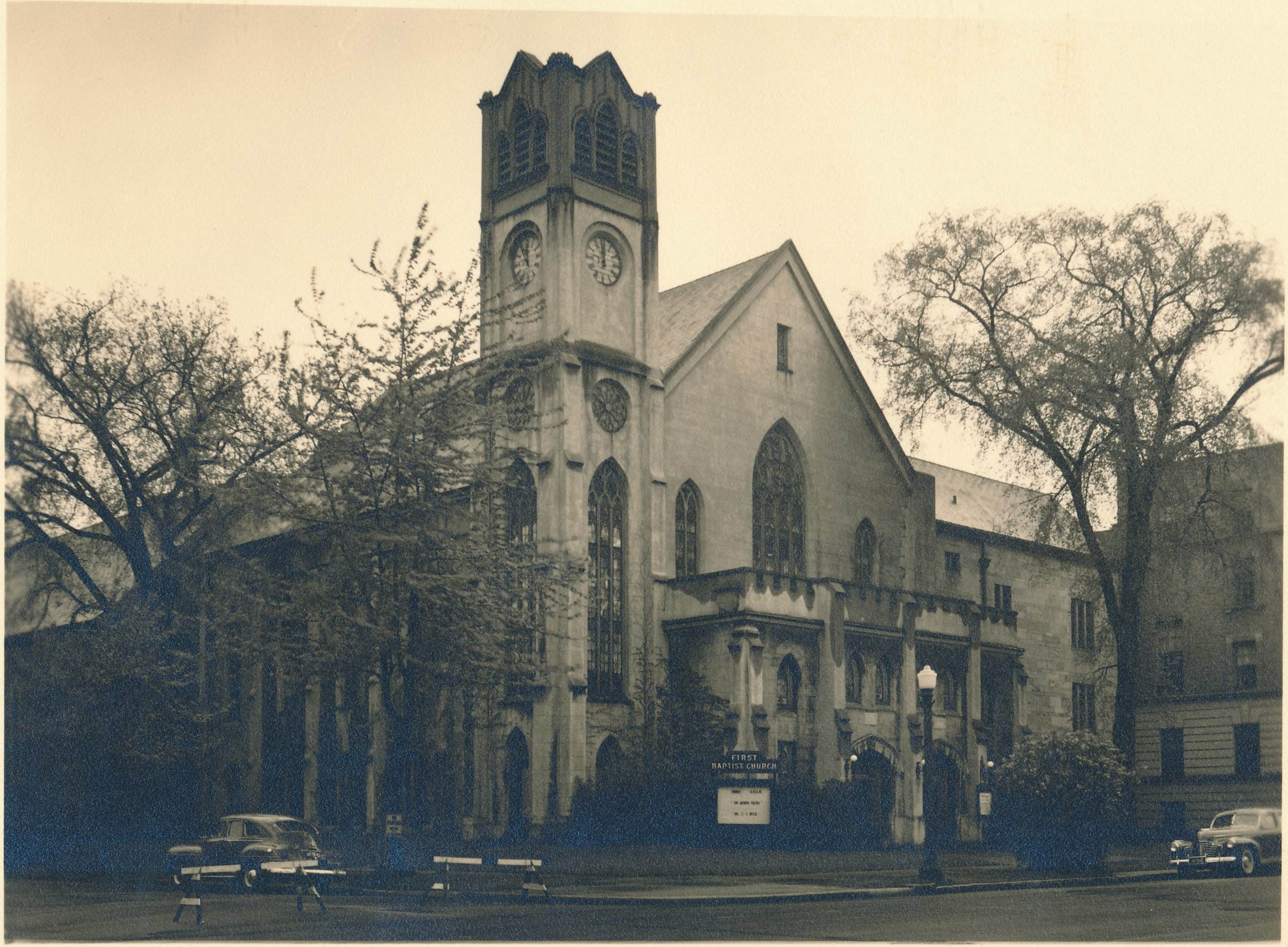
May 24, 1928, Mr. Veldman was ordained and installed as the pastor of the Richmond Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, by the Classis of Grand Rapids. He served there until January 4, 1932, when he became the pastor of The Bethany Reformed Church, South Burdick street in Kalamazoo, Michigan. After ten years of very fruitful labors as pastor of that church he was called to become the pastor of the Calvary Reformed Church, corner of Fulton and Lowell streets, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In politics the Reverend J. A. Veldman is

independent. He served as President of the Kalamazoo Ministerial Alliance in 1940 and 1941, during which time he led in a campaign in which 1500 Bibles were distributed among the homes of the city, the Bibles being provided by a devout Chicago layman.

Mr. Veldman served on the Synod Advisory Board of The Reformed Church and for three years was the chaplain of the Kalamazoo Fire Department. He also served for two years on the Kalamazoo County and City Traffic Board as the representative of the people.

The Kalamazoo Ministerial Alliance at its meeting December 7, 1942, passed a resolution instructing the secretary to express the regret of its members that he and his family should leave the city and wishing them a fruitful ministry in the church to which they go.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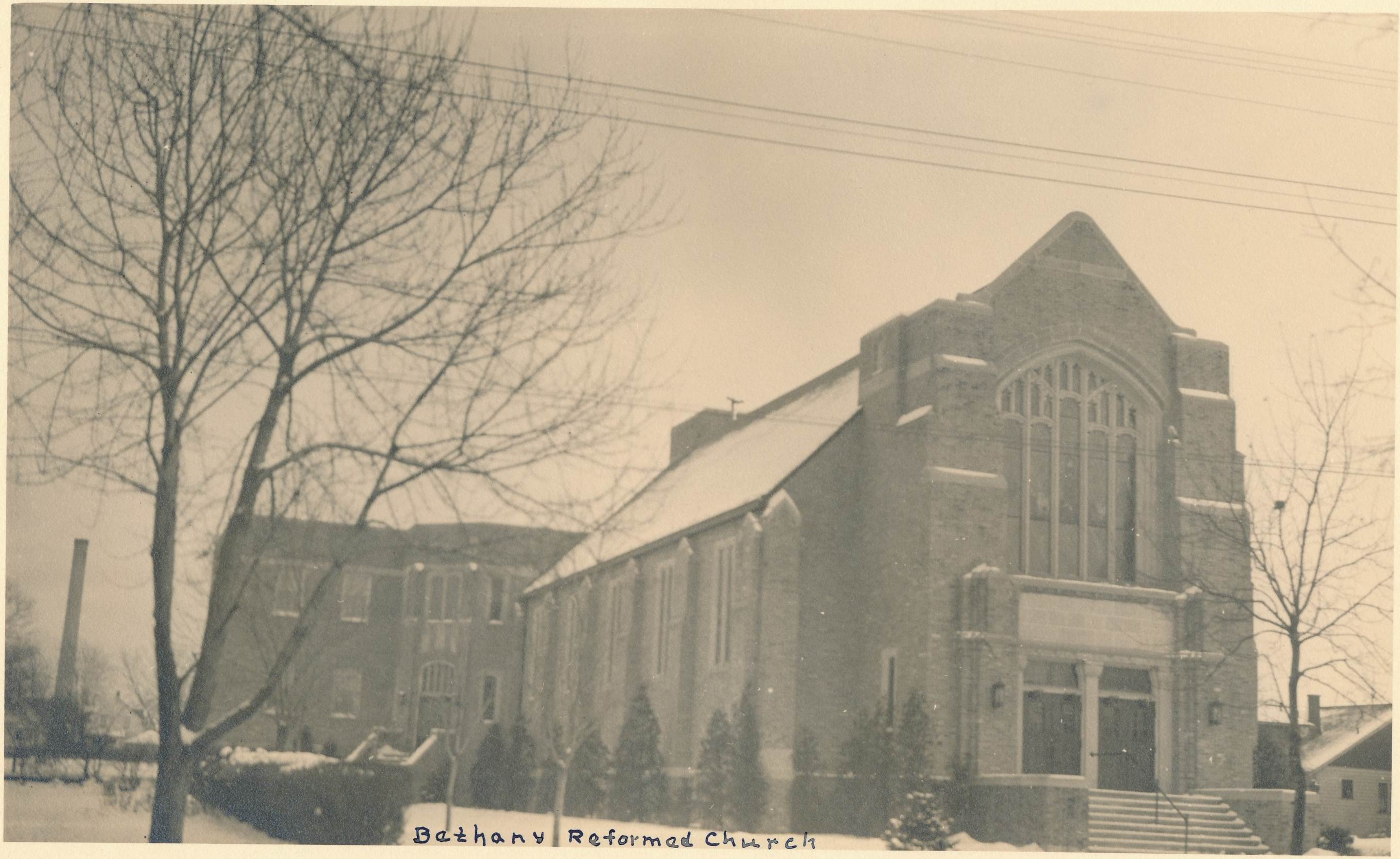

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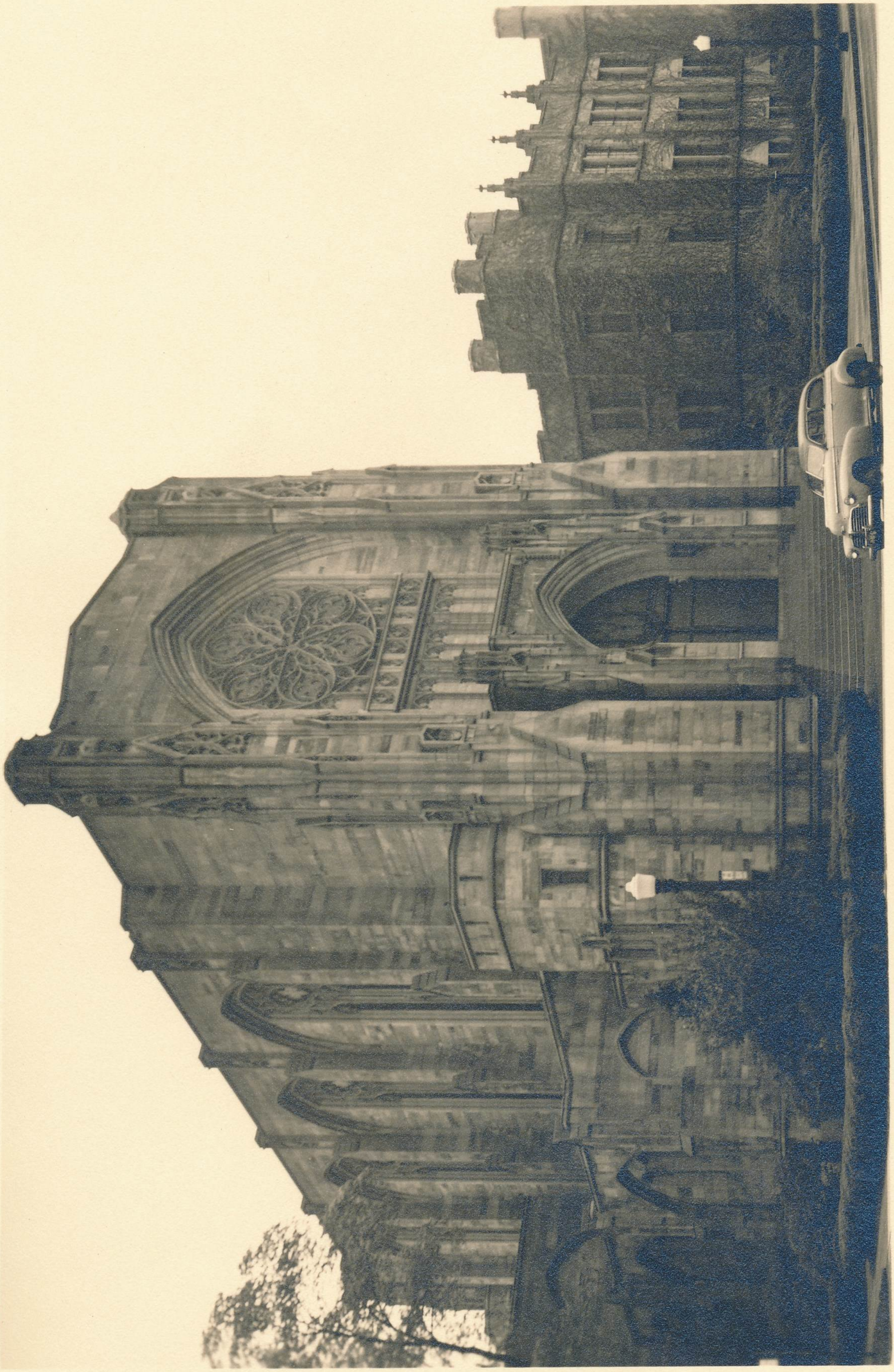

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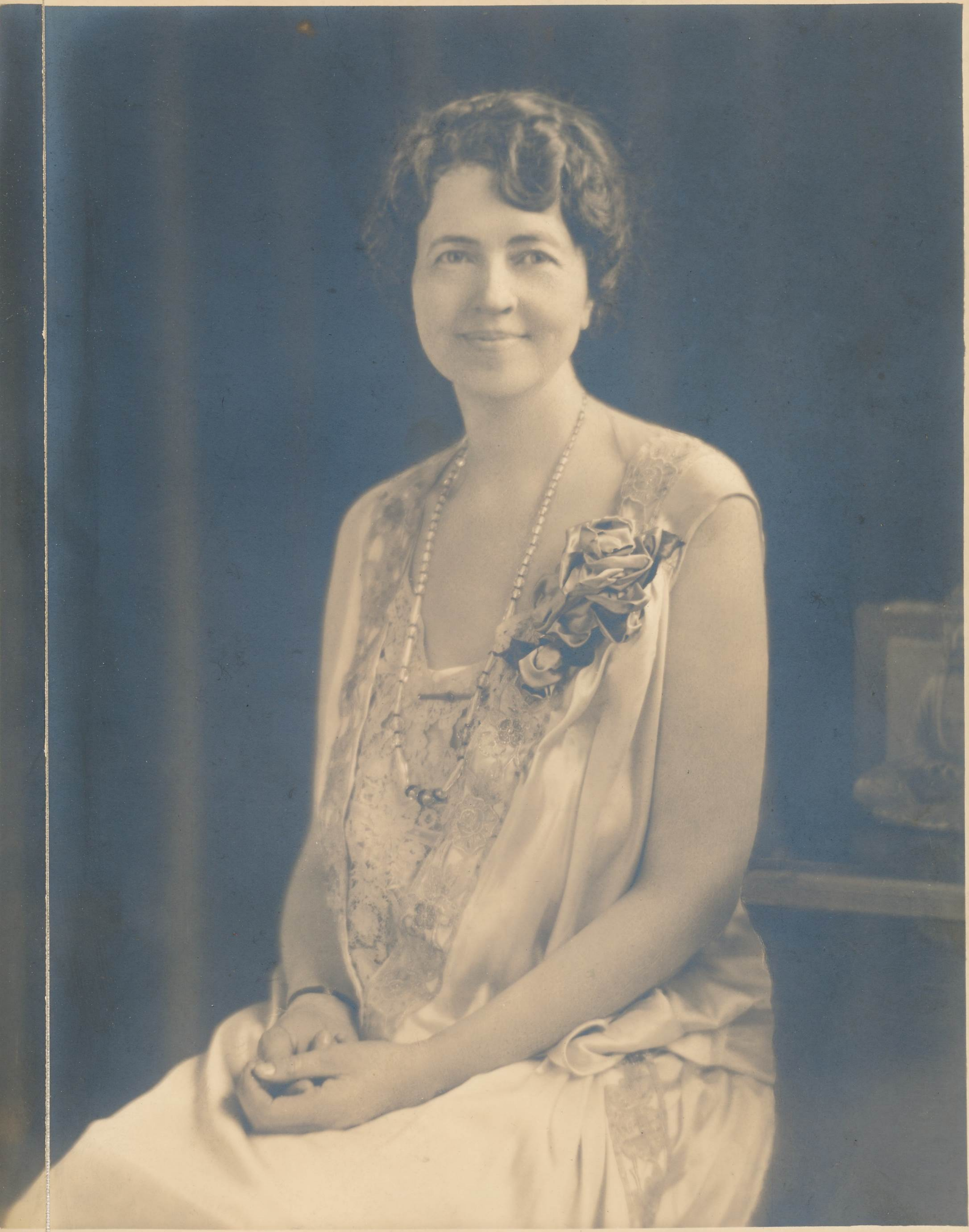

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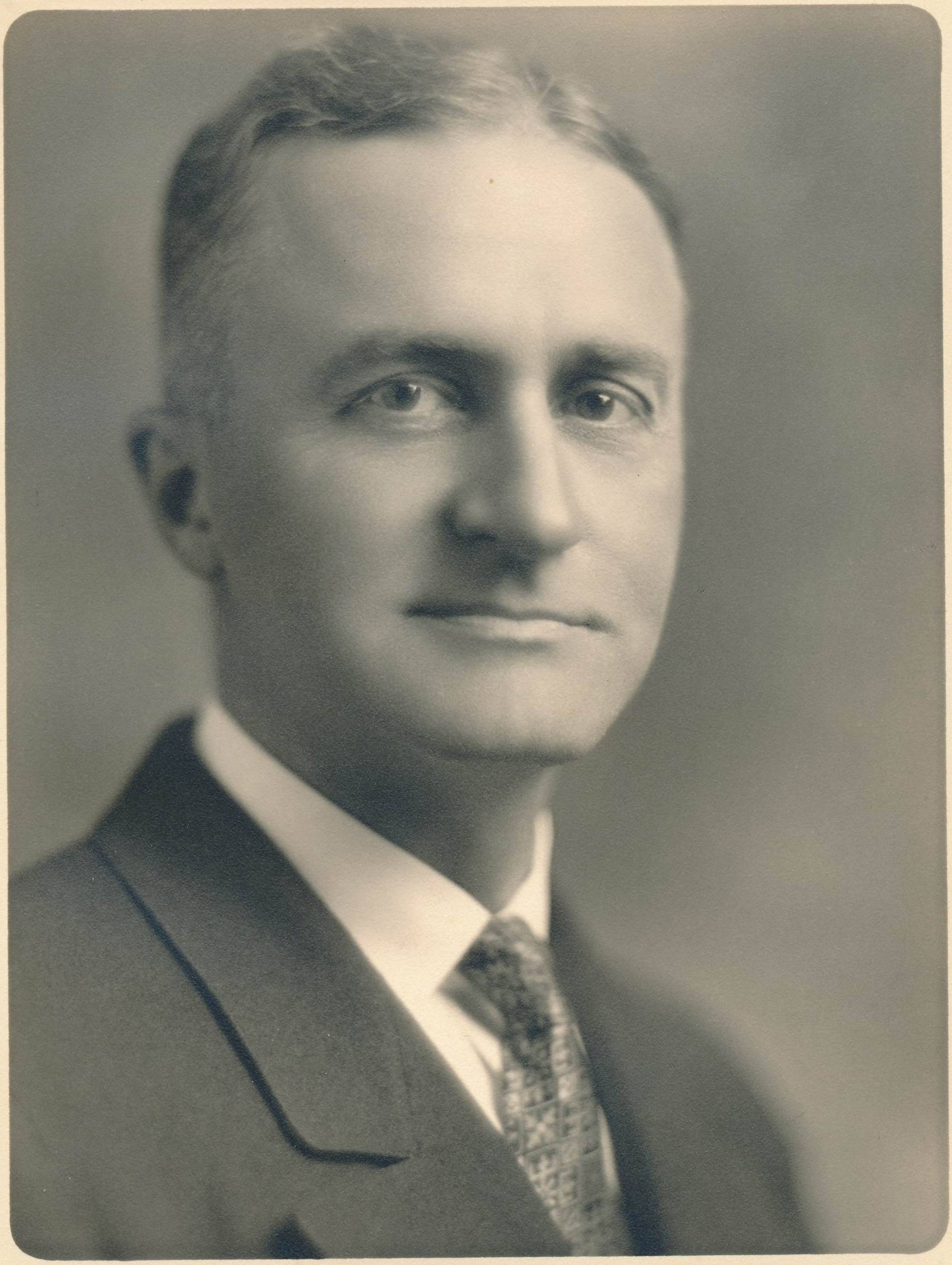

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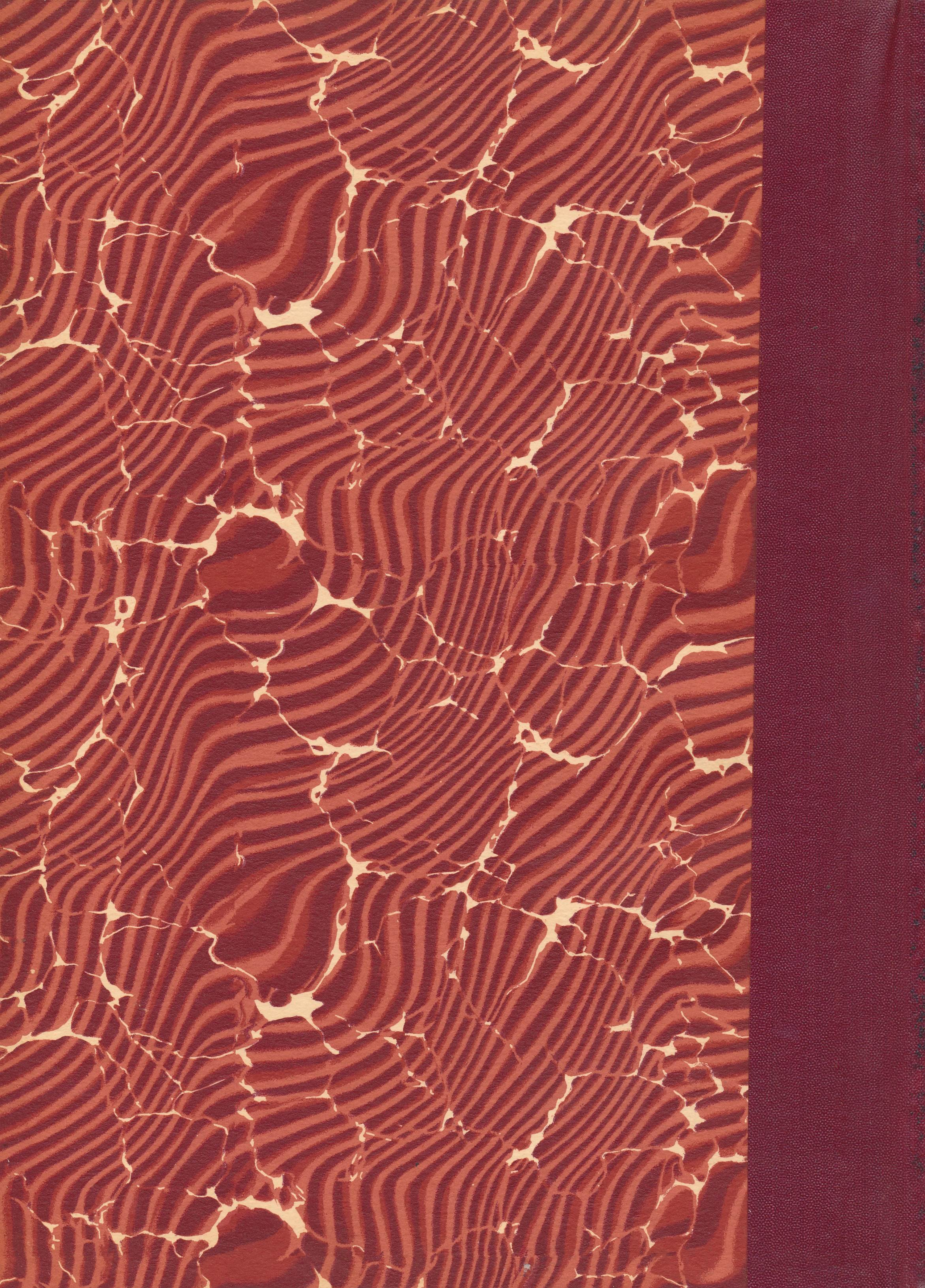

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